Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) No answer is necessary in view of (*a*).

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* After 20th of January, was there any discussion ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

GRANT—S. N. V. SADANAM, ERNAKULAM

196. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state the grant that is being paid per month per boarder in the S. N. V. Sadanam, Ernakulam ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Rs.1—5—0 by the Education Department and Rs. 6 by the Department of Uplift of Depressed Classes to the D. C. pupils (by way of boarding charges).

GRANT—HOSTEL ATTACHED TO THE SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND DUMB

197. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state the grant that is being paid per month per boarder in the hostel or boarding attached to the school for the Deaf and Dumb ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Rs. 5.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know the reason for the reduction in the grants to the deaf and dumb when compared to the S. N. V. Sadanam and other institutions ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is by way of a contract with the S. N. V. Sadanam that they have been admitted in that institution. They are paid at the rate of Rs. 6. Otherwise we have to start a separate hostel.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Do the Government think that the deaf and dumb will take less of rice and *curry* ?

MUSEUM—HONORARY COMMITTEE FOR

198. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any objection to appoint a Honorary Committee to visit the Museum occasionally and to suggest ways and means to improve the same ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Government do not think that the Committee proposed is necessary.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether there are complaints that the animals in the museum are not fed properly.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* There are no complaints. On the contrary, there are reports that they are being looked after very nicely. We have got the reports of the Veterinary Surgeon and we have got the reports of other visitors, circus managers, etc., if I remember right, that they are being looked after comparatively well.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Will the Government be pleased to place on the table the reports received from the circus managers?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* If a separate question is put, this will be done.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Is it due to paucity of funds or want of rooms in the museum, that they do not find it necessary to have a committee there?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know, Sir, whether the appointment of a committee will involve any expenditure, so far as the management of the museum is concerned?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That depends upon the nature of the committee. If they are from outside, they will have to incur expenditure. It was not found quite necessary also. A visitors' book is kept there and the visitors are free to make their remarks.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)* To write only their names.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the management of the museum will be more efficient when it is found that there is a Committee whose reports will be taken note of by the Government?

Mr. President: It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Any objection in appointing an honorary committee?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* That is not necessary,

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* When did the Government receive the latest report?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Last week, from the Veterinary Surgeon.

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Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Has any non-official gentleman made any remark?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Not that I am aware of. In the course of one or two months, we have not got any, from non-officials.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* May I know whether the officer in charge of the museum will forward copies of the remarks made therein from time to time?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Am I correct when I say that the cost of beef for a pound is 6 pies when supplied to the museum?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not remember the rates now. I know the rates are much better than they were in previous years.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Is not the cost of beef in the market, which is consumed not by animals but by men, 1½ annas to 2 annas a pound?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I do not know. It may depend upon various conditions.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development):* Also, they get cattle of third-rate type which are unfit for human consumption.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* All the bones are being eaten up by the animals.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Even dead animals can be given to the tigers.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* I can submit that the beef given is certified by the Veterinary Surgeon before being given to the animals.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* In view of the question, will the Government kindly consider the question of appointing a few honorary people there, which will cost the Government nothing. These questions are put in the interest of dumb animals. If Government have no objection to appoint a few honorary visitors, they will go there regularly and will take some interest. What objection is there in doing so?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It is not warranted by the circumstances there. It is not necessary.

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Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* It is not a question of necessity. The beef supplied is certified by the veterinary surgeon; otherwise why should human beings be so particular about animals?

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* As a matter of experience, when we pass along that museum, we feel the smell emanating from the museum so bad, so awful, that unless somebody takes up the question and solves the problem, it is very difficult to pull on.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* We have given strict instructions that that stench should be immediately removed. This has been done even before we got this question.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Every Sunday we are passing along that road and we experience this trouble. The Government say they cannot do this and that on account of paucity of funds. In this matter we know that no question of fund is involved. You will not appoint even an honorary committee.

Mr. President: I will look into the question and also consider about the matter of appointing a committee.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Thank you, Sir.

ABLE-BODIED YOUTHS—LIST OF

199. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Government has issued instructions to the village officers to take a list of able-bodied youths in each of the revenue villages in the State;

(*b*) if so, what is the purpose of preparing such a list;

(*c*) whether the Government be pleased to give the total number of such able-bodied youths in each Taluk, if such a list referred to in (*a*) has been made?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) and (*c*) Do not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES—OPERATION OF

200. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any merchant, wholesale or retail, in Mattancheri, Cochin, has been legally proceeded against in 1117 for alleged profiteering (sale of articles above the prescribed rates of price) under the Defence of India Rules;

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